question of appointing a Veterinary Inspector at Kunnamkulam; and if so, what is the result of it; and whether a Veterinary Inspector has been appointed three ; and if not, why not ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes ; a Veterinary Inspector was appointed at Kunnamkulam.

The State Darbar List.

128. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 312 of the Kumbham meeting of 1102, will the Government be pleased to state whether all the Members of the Legislative Council are included in the Darbar List, and if not, on what principle or rule the line of demarcation is drawn, and whether the names of those Council Members who are included in the list be placed on the table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 327 in the legislative session of 1101. As stated therein, there is no hard-and-fast rule in the matter, and there is also no standing Darbar list.

Cochin Law Reports.

129. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether the Cochin Law Reports from 1090 to 1097 containing many important decisions of Cochin Tenancy Regulation are available at the Government Press for sale; and if not,

(b) how many years now since they have been out of stock;

(c) whether any arrangement has been made for getting them printed soon ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

(a) Some of the parts are not available.

(b) The exact date cannot be given.

(c) Yes.

The supply of Alwaye water to Mattancheri.

130. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether any Member of this Council has written to the Government about the scheme for supplying Alwaye water to Mattancheri;

(b) the date or dates of such letters ;

(c) what action the Government has taken on such letters;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place copies of the communications on the table ;

(e) the total amount of money, and the manner in which it has been spent up to date, for the scheme with details of the expenditure, if possible ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) Yes.

(b) November 18, 1926.

(c) It was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for consideration and disposal.

(d) Copy of the communication is appended. (*Vide Appendix II*).

(e)

Cost of pipes and specials—Rs.	2,856	12	1
Do barge ,,	17,640	0	0
Do tank ,,	10,000	0	0
Laying of pipes and foundation		....	
Establishment ,,	646	6	3
Erecting tank ,,	1,643	4	0
R. C. Jetty ,,	788	8	11
Contingencies ,,	586	9	0
Total Rs.	34,161	9	1

131. **Mr. A. B. Salen.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) with reference to question No. 274 (f) and answer thereto, 'the condition of the pipes and the machinery market', since the date of the answer to the end of May 1927;

(b) will they also be pleased to inform the conditions meant in the answer:

(c) the difficulties that stood in the way of supplying water by April or May 1927, the probable date they held out for supplying good drinking water in Mattancheri in the said answer;

(d) will the Government be now pleased to state approximately when water would be supplied to the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) In India there was no stock of (1) 9" pipes (2) Tank-plates with Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas whose quotations were considered to be the most favourable. Demands for pipes and fittings were 'overwhelming'.

(b) The word 'condition' was meant to cover

(1) Stock in India
(2) Demand for pipes, etc.
(3) Price, and
(4) Facility for delivery.

(c) (1) A portion of the order for pipes and specials was not received as expected, owing to unfavourable market conditions.

(2) The non-arrival of tank materials in time.

(3) The revision of the original pipe lay-outs of the tank which was found necessary during its construction.

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(4) The delay in the construction of the barge.

The above are the main reasons which contributed to belie our anticipations.

(d) By the beginning of the year 1928.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether these difficulties could not have been got over by employing ordinary country crafts to transport water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which difficulties, Sir?

President.—Difficulties referred to in (c), e. g., the difficulties that stood in the way of supplying water by April or May 1927 to Mattancheri.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is given there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the difficulties that stood in the way of supplying water to Mattancheri by April or May 1927? It was held out in this House that by April or May water will be given. But, as a matter of fact, it has not been supplied. So, there must be some difficulties. I am asking you whether these difficulties cannot be removed by employing country crafts.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have enumerated the reasons there.

Mr A. B. Salem.—Could not the difficulties have been got over by using country crafts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Pipes and specials also have not come.

President.—Do you admit that the difficulty could have been got over by employing country crafts as Mr. Salem says? Suppose you get a thousand boats, can you carry the water in these boats?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will only solve the difficulty due to the non-arrival of the barges. It does not solve the difficulty due to the non-arrival of pipes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Pipes are for the distribution of water. It is not possible to distribute water through the streets of Mattancheri for anything like the amount you have sanctioned even if the pipes are got down. There is the same difficulty.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not at all.

President.—I think you have got a provision of Rs.25,000 even in the coming year to lay pipes. If the amount is not enough, you can ask for more.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—With regard to the question of transport of water, I have thought over the matter. No country craft will be able to do it satisfactorily.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not understand what the Hon'ble Member means by saying "satisfactorily", whether water cannot be transported by country crafts.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not possible to transport something like 40,000 gallons every day by country crafts.

President.—How many gallons can we carry in a boat ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—A big *vallam* can carry about 10 tons. Supposing we employ 20 boats, we would be able to carry the whole water. In the monsoon time, you may have a small tug to supplement the boat. I cannot understand the engineering difficulty.

President.—To understand that, you must know a little bit of engineering.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have got people across without being an Engineer.

President.—Mr. Salem, have you any information as to the quantity of water that can be conveyed in a barge ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—About 5,000 gallons. In regard to the country craft, I want to bring the matter to your notice, because of the problem of unemployment. If you engage 20 boats, you will be giving work to 50 men, and it will not be more costly than your barge.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have gone into that question thoroughly, and it has been found impracticable.

President.—Mr. Salem puts it as a means of solving the unemployment problem.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is something more serious than an unemployment problem here.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know—I shall be very glad if you will tell me—how this will not work.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't know how I can demonstrate that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall demonstrate it, if you promise to give me the contract. Otherwise I shall demonstrate first, and then you give the contract. I shall have it done for Rs. 24,000 a year—a pie per gallon.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Hon'ble Member himself asked for a larger amount.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course, I tried to make profit out of it. It can be done even at a lower rate.

President.—Since you are interested in the matter, you will not be a proper judge.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't want to be a judge. I have some experience, and, therefore, I am in a position to question the Government on these points.

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 124.)

Rates of different items of printing works.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	(a) Visiting cards, first 100 copies	1	0	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
2.	Letter heads, address labels and invitation cards in Malayalam up to 1/8 page foolscap.			
	(a) For printing 100 copies in black ink	1	8	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
	(c) For changing ink	0	8	0
	(d) For gilt work, every 100 copies	0	8	0
3.	(a) Invitation and wedding cards in English up to 1/8 pages for every 100 in black ink	2	0	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
	(c) For changing ink	0	8	0
	(d) For gilt work every 100	0	8	0
4.	Addresses in English and Malayalam with or without borders, not exceeding one page foolscap folio			
	(a) For every 100 copies in ordinary ink	3	0	0
	The rates in 2(b) and (c) will apply in this case also			
	(1) For gilt work for every 100	1	8	0
5.	Printing only of address in silk, every 5 copies	1	0	0
6.	Monogram printing every 100 or fraction thereof	1	0	0
7.	Letter paper pads (per pad)	0	4	0
	Book works.			
	For composing a page of 38 ems X65 ems. foolscap folio in 12 pt. types	2	8	0
	Composing one forme of 8 pt. in royal octavo size			
	Do do 12 pt.	8	0	0
	Do do 10 pt. do	10	0	0
	Do do 8 pt. do	12	0	0
	Printing 1,000 impressions	1	11	6

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 130.)

Letter dated 18th November 1926 from Abraham B. Salem, Esq., Member, Legislative Council, to the Diwan of Cochin.

Regarding Mattancheri Water Supply Scheme.

At the last budget session of the Cochin Legislative Council a sum of Rs. 35,000 was allotted for the purpose for supplying Alwaye water to Mattancheri. Since then, the matter has not progressed beyond the stage of contemplation, suggestions and investigations regarding various schemes for transporting water across the backwater, and for storing and distributing the same in Mattancheri. No doubt, a scheme like his must necessarily take some time before it is put into actual practice.

I now understand that the Government or the Chief Engineer are considering seriously to do the work of transporting water departmentally, and for that purpose, the purchase of a couple of power driven barges of ten thousand gallons capacity each, is under contemplation. I also gather that negotiations are now going on to get those barges built in Calcutta for the purpose, and the two barges are likely to cost the Government nearly 48 thousands of rupees when delivery is effected at Cochin

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If this scheme recommends itself to the Government of Cochin, on the ground of its being an economic one, I may here sound a note of warning. I have some little experience in the matter of transport and also in the matter of bringing out barges by sea to Cochin. These are more attractive on paper than in real lives. Even if I were wrong in my view in this, I would place the following for your consideration before you sanction the same.—

The value of the barges go out of Cochin once for all, and the barges here will represent only a portion of the money that we have paid. Again, for running barges on crude oil, etc., we will be constantly sending out Government money for enriching out-siders and this will form a constant drain to take away some money from Cochin. The working of it in practice would not be as cheap as it is made to appear at present. There is also the possibility of these barges not being delivered in time in Cochin. I know as a matter of fact, many barges have floundered on their way in the Bay of Bengal, of course, in this case Government may not lose if they make their agreement for delivery here, but your scheme will be postponed, if such an accident happens. One more important matter that I would submit for your earliest consideration is, that this scheme of giving water to the town of Mattancheri can also be made a source of employing some more of our own men in the State. We can transport this water satisfactorily and easily by employing and making use of local materials men and talents and it would not be more costly than the transport now said to be under the contemplation of Government.

This work should not be done departmentally and is eminently one that should be given out on contract, as otherwise all the advantages of control and responsibility will be lost. May I also in passing refer you to the scheme of ordering two flat launches for the ferry from Scotland and the sad fate of the same. Besides there are so many other things also to be considered along with this.

I would be happy to place them for consideration in this matter before you if you are pleased to attach any weight to this communication, and afford me an opportunity for doing so.

I have, &c.,

P. S. (Sd.) ABRAHAM B. SALEM.

If sanction has been already accorded, even then it is a fit matter for reconsideration. The Council or the Finance Committee has not considered the proposals for the purchase of a barge, etc.

(Sd.) A. B. SALEM.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to Question No. 132.)

Copy of the Petition.

We, the inhabitants of the town of Mattancheri Native Cochin, most respectfully beg to submit the following petition to your goodself for kind consideration and pray that you will be good enough to comply with our request:—

Dr. Usman Khan has been the Hospital Surgeon of Mattancheri for nearly three years. During this period we have had full opportunity of judging his capabilities and found him to be most diligent, patient and conscientious in his work, and the success in his mode of treatment in critical cases merits high praise. He has been most useful to us all through these years, always doing his work in a thorough and reliable way. He has an

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